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THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES

(Continued from Issue #1)

17. **MON-EL** (Lar Gand)
First appearance: *Superboy* #89
Origin: *Superboy* #89
Planet of origin: Daxam (20th century)
Membership: *Adventure Comics* #300 to present

Synopsis: Lar Gand of Daxam, a planet similar to Krypton, travelled to that world in his teens. There he met Superboy's father, Jor-El, who warned him of Krypton's impending doom and repaired his ship. However, the rocket drifted in space for years while Lar remained in suspended animation.

When it finally crash-landed on Earth, it was discovered by Superboy, who thought that the amnesia-stricken Lar was his unknown older brother. He dubbed Lar "Mon-El"—El being the family name, and Mon because he was found on Monday.

Since the environment of Earth gave Mon-El the same super-powers as Superboy (see Superboy's entry), the two teamed up to fight crime, until Superboy came to suspect that Mon-El was a fake, and decided to expose him.

He painted some lead balls green, figuring that Mon-El would assume it was Green Kryptonite and pretend to be weakened, thus proving Superboy's suspicions. Mon-El was indeed weakened by the fake Kryptonite, but it was the lead, which affects Daxamites just as Kryptonite affects Kryptonians, that was poisoning him. His memory was restored, and Lar told Superboy the truth about himself. Because the lead poisoning would never wear off (unlike Kryptonite poisoning), Superboy projected Mon-El into the Phantom Zone, so he could live until a cure could be found.

However, Superboy, even as Superman, was never able to devise a cure for his friend despite many attempts, and so he remained in the Zone, unaging, for a thousand years. In the Legion's era, Saturn Girl developed a potion, Serum XY-4, which allowed him to leave the Zone for minutes at a time, and after rescuing the Legion of Super-Heroes from a robot which young Lex Luthor had sent to the future to destroy them, he became their newest member (*Adventure Comics* #300). Brainiac 5 added the crucial missing ingredient, Kryptonite, to Saturn Girl's serum, which allowed Mon to leave the Phantom Zone permanently (*Adventure Comics* #305). Mon-El was then immune to lead poisoning for twenty-four to forty-eight hours at a time, depending on the strength of the dosage. The potion also allowed him to retain his powers under a red sun. Recently Mon-El's system had built up a tolerance to the serum and Brainiac 5 developed a permanent cure (*Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #23).

Mon-El and Shadow Lass became close soon after she joined the Legion, and the two still date regularly. Mon-El served two terms as Legion leader (*Action Comics*) #392–*Superboy* #183, *Superboy* #193–224). The 30th century descendants of his brothers and sisters still live on Daxam, and he visits them when possible.

18. **MATTER-EATER LAD** (Tenzil Kem)
First appearance: *Adventure Comics* #301
Origin: *Adventure Comics* #303
Planet of origin: Bismoll
Membership: *Adventure Comics* #303 to *Superboy* #212

Synopsis: Tenzil Kem is the son of Rall and Mitz Kem and the older brother of Renkil Kem. He is a native of Bismoll, a planet whose people evolved the ability to safely eat and digest nearly anything after deadly microbes poisoned their food supplies. Because his unusual power would allow him to rescue imprisoned Legionnaires by eating their way to freedom, he was accepted into the Legion of Super-Heroes as Matter-Eater Lad. Normally slim, he became as corpulent as Bouncing Boy in a freak accident during the Legion's encounter with the villainous Nardo (*Adventure Comics* #344–345), but was restored to his usual weight by the same doctor who restored Lightning Lad's arm and recreated Bouncing Boy's super-plastic fluid (*Adventure Comics* #351).

Matter-Eater Lad was forced to resign from the Legion when the Selective Service Board of Bismoll, which drafts candidates for political office the way Earthmen were once drafted for military service, chose him to run for representative (*Superboy* #212). When the insane Brainiac 5 used the Miracle Machine to unleash the evil Omega upon the galaxy

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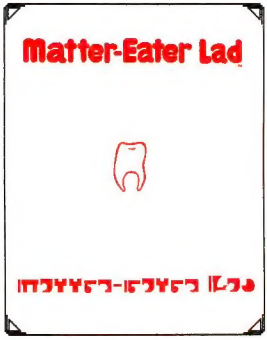
some years later, he ended the menace by having Tenzil brought to Legion headquarters to devour the Miracle Machine (*Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #251). Its alien energies drove him mad as well, and when Brainiac 5 recovered his sanity some months later, he devoted himself



to finding a cure for Tenzil, which he finally accomplished (*Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #297). Tenzil has since returned to Bismoll to resume his political career, and is now a senator on that world.

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19. **ELEMENT LAD** (Jan Arrah)

First appearance: *Adventure Comics* #307

Origin: *Adventure Comics* #307; amended in *Superboy* #211

Planet of origin: Trom

Membership: *Adventure Comics* #307 to present

Synopsis: Jan Arrah, the son of Arn and Valla Arrah, was born on the planet Trom, a small, barren, radioactive world whose few inhabitants were confined to one valley where the radiation levels were low enough to allow them to live. That radiation also gave them the power to emit mental radiations which could alter the atomic structure of any object, thus changing one element into another.

A space raider, Roxxas, learned of their ability and tried to force the peaceful Trommites into slavery, but they rebelled, and were slain by his men. Jan alone escaped, and went to Earth, where he joined the Legion of Super-Heroes as "Mystery Lad", keeping his power secret from all but Saturn Girl. With the Legion's assistance, he tracked Roxxas down and captured him and his men. Once the nature of his power was known to all his fellow Legionnaires, Cosmic Boy renamed him Element Lad.

Element Lad served as deputy leader of the team under several leaders. He was finally elected leader (*Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #306), and he has served as such since that time, being re-elected to a second term (*Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #12). For years he had no steady girlfriend, but recently began a relationship with Shvaughn Erin, Science Police Legion liason officer.

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20. **LIGHTNING LASS** (Ayla Ranzz; aka LIGHT LASS)

First appearance: *Adventure Comics* #308

Origin: *Adventure Comics* #308

Planet of origin: Winath

Membership: *Adventure Comics* #308–317 (as Lightning Lass); *Adventure Comics* #317 to *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #296 (as Light Lass); *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #7 to present (as Lightning Lass)

Synopsis: The twin sister of Garth Ranzz (Lightning Lad), Ayla Ranzz gained the power to emit lightning at will at the same time as her brothers, but kept that fact secret lest criminals force her to do their bidding. When Lightning Lad died battling Zaryan the Conqueror, however, Ayla was determined to take his place in the Legion of Super-Heroes, and disguising herself, made it appear that her brother had come back to life. Her ruse was soon discovered, but she was allowed to remain in the group as Lightning Lass. Garth was restored to life soon afterward.

When Dream Girl encountered the Legion some months later, she considered Ayla's power redundant, and so used her Naltorian science to alter the power to that of making things super-lightweight. With this ability Ayla took the identity of Light Lass.

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Light Lass eventually became disillusioned with her life in the Legion, and suffered problems in her romance with Timber Wolf. She decided to leave the group and him, and resigned her membership to go back to her home planet, Winath.

Her older brother Mekt, the villainous Lightning Lord, then captured her, and tried to force her to join the Legion of Super-Villains. She naturally refused, and at one point he used his lightning powers on her, unintentionally recharging her body so that she possessed her old power again. She then defeated him and had him turned over to the Science Police.

With most of her personal problems solved, she has since returned to her comrades in the Legion under her original codename, Lightning Lass.

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21. **DREAM GIRL** (Nura Nal)

First appearance: *Adventure Comics* #317

Origin: *Adventure Comics* #317; amended in *Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #314

Planet of origin: Naltor

Membership: *Adventure Comics* #317; *Adventure Comics* #351 to present

Synopsis: Naltor is a planet originally settled by wizards and magicians from the Sorcerers' World, Zerox. As generations passed, their magic faded and the people were left with the ability to see a few days into the future, always with unerring accuracy, although their visions are occasionally open to interpretation. This power has made that planet one of the richest in the galaxy.

The Naltorian society is a matriarchy, and a young woman, Kiwa, was her people's high seer. Her precognitive power was highly developed, and she passed this superior ability on to her elder daughter, Nura. Upon Kiwa's death, the child Nura began studying under the tutelage of her mother's male acolyte, Beren, who succeeded her as high seer. Nura could see as far as several months into the future, and some years later she had a vision in which several Legionnaires died. Hoping to save them, she came to Earth and joined the Legion of Super-Heroes as Dream Girl. She then cast false accusations against the doomed members, hoping that they would be expelled, and thus cheat their fates.

It turned out that Nura had forseen the "deaths" of android doubles and not the real Legionnaires, and she then resigned from the group to perfect her power further. As time passed, she developed the ability to see as far as a year into the future, and joined the Legion of Substitute Heroes. Star Boy, whom she loved, joined her there after he was expelled from the Legion for killing a man in self-defense. When the two later infiltrated the Legion as "Sir Prize" and "Miss Terious," they were invited to remain permanently.

Dream Girl served one term as Legion leader (*Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #292-306). She is a stunningly beautiful young woman, and it is considered that her name refers to more than her precognitive ability. Her sister Mysa, the White Witch, is also a Legion member.

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Adventure Comics #300

September 1962

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

FIRST STORY

"The Super-Planet of Clark Kent and Lana Lang"
(12 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler, inker: **George Papp**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

Superboy

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Adventure Comics*.

SECOND STORY

"The Face Behind the Lead Mask" (12 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Jerry Siegel**
Pencilers, inkers: **John Forte** and **Al Plastino** (page 4, plus some Superboy and Luthor faces)
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, and **Lightning Lad** (all last seen, behind the scenes, in *Superboy* #98; all appear next in flashback in the second story in *Superboy* #100)

Superboy (appears in *Action Comics* #506 in between page 5, panels 1 and 2 of this story)

Sun Boy (last seen in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #287)

Guest Star

Mon-El (last chronological appearance in *Phantom Zone* #3; also appears in Superboy's time following the Superboy story in issue #293 and preceding the Superman story in *Action Comics* #284; joins the Legion of Super-Heroes in this story; appears next in issue #304)

Villains

Lex Luthor (last seen in *Superboy* #96; appears next in the Superboy story in the next issue) and **Urthlo** (first and only appearance to date; Luthor's robot; its name is an anagram of Luthor)

Other Characters

Two unnamed "World-Wide Police" officers (first and only appearance to date; see second Comment below)

An unnamed guard at the Smallville Reformatory (first and only appearance to date)

The Citizens of 30th century Metropolis (last seen in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #287; see Comment below)

Cameo Appearances

Chameleon Boy, Invisible Kid, Shrinking Violet, and **Bouncing Boy** (as statues)

Comments

The Official Legion of Super-Heroes Index #1 incorrectly lists the next appearance of the citizens of 30th century Metropolis after the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #287 as *Adventure Comics* #301, instead of issue #300.

The Science Police are called the World-Wide Police in this story.

Bouncing Boy, Brainiac 5, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Invisible Kid, Phantom Girl, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Supergirl, Triplicate Girl, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

The Legion of Super-Heroes is mistakenly said to exist in the 21st century in this story.

The Legionnaires switch from using rocket-packs to anti-gravity belts with this story.

Following this story, Ultra Boy attends a Legion meeting with Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, Lightning Lad, and Chameleon Boy, and helps out honorary member Pete Ross in the second story in *Superboy* #100.

Then Bouncing Boy, Brainiac 5, Chameleon Boy, Cosmic Boy, Invisible Kid, Lightning Lad, Saturn Girl, Shrinking Violet, Sun Boy, and Triplicate Girl try to cure Superman of Virus X in *Superman* #156.

Synopsis

During a routine meeting, the Legionnaires suddenly begin losing control over their powers. Even Superboy, whom they have summoned to the future, cannot discover the cause of their problem. After the World-Wide Police threaten to banish them from Earth, a lead-masked villain calling himself "Urthlo" appears and takes credit for their predicament.

Because Urthlo possesses a device that controls their powers, the heroes find themselves unable to stop him, until Saturn Girl and Superboy release Mon-El from the Phantom Zone, where he has been for 1000 years. After she provides him with Serum XY–4, a temporary lead-poisoning antidote, Mon-El defeats Urthlo, who turns out to be a robot sent into the future from Superboy's time by a vengeful Lex Luthor.

After the battle, Mon-El must be returned to the Zone, but only after being voted into the Legion.

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Featuring LEX LUTHOR and CLARK KENT, CELL-MATES!"
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OH-OH! AS SOON AS LUTHOR DISCOVERS HE'S TALKING TO A CLARK KENT DUMMY, HE'LL KNOW I SLIPPED OUT OF PRISON TO SWITCH TO SUPERBOY! HE'LL EXPOSE MY SECRET IDENTITY TO THE WORLD!
WAKE UP, CLARK! HERE COMES SUPERBOY ON PATROL!

Adventure Comics #301

October 1962

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Sheldon Moldoff** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

FIRST STORY

"Lex Luthor and Clark Kent: Cell-Mates" (13 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

Superboy

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Adventure Comics*.

SECOND STORY

"The Secret Origin of Bouncing Boy" (13 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Jerry Siegel**
Penciler, inker: **John Forte**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy (last seen in *Superman* #156; also appears in flashback on page 9, panel 6 in between page 8, panel 6 and page 9, panel 1 of the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #276; then appears in flashback on page 10, panel 2 through page 11, panel 1 following the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #276 and preceding the flashback in the Superboy story in issue #290; then appears in flashback on page 11, panel 2 through page 13, panel 1 following his appearance in *Superman* #152 and preceding the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #287; appears next in *Superman* #157)

Saturn Girl (last seen in *Superman* #156; also appears in flashback on page 9, panel 6 in between page 9, panel 6 and page 9, panel 1 of the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #276; then appears in flashback on page 10, panel 2 through page 11, panel 1 following the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #276 and preceding the flashback in the Superboy story in issue #290; then appears in flashback on page 11, panel 2 though page 13, panel 1 following her appearance in *Superman* #152 and preceding the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #287)

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Lightning Lad (last seen in *Superman* #156; also appears in flashback on page 7, panel 1 through page 9, panel 4 following the flashback in the Superboy story in issue #282 and preceding the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #276; then appears in flashback on page 11, panel 2 through page 13, panel 1 following his appearance in *Superman* #152 and preceding the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #287; appears next in *Superman* #157)

Triplicate Girl (last seen in *Superman* #156; also appears in flashback which occurs following the flashback in issue #323 and preceding the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #287)

Phantom Girl (last seen in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #290)

Chameleon Boy and **Sun Boy** (both last seen in *Superman* #156; both also appear in flashback which occurs following their appearances in *Superman* #152 and preceding the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #287)

Colossal Boy (last chronological appearance in flashback in issue #323)

Shrinking Violet (last seen in *Superman* #156; also appears in flashback which occurs following her appearance, behind the scenes, in the Superboy story in issue #247 and preceding her appearance in *Superman* #156)

Bouncing Boy (last seen in *Superman* #156; origin revealed; also appears in flashback on page 7, panel 1 through page 9, panel 4 which precedes his first appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #276; then appears in flashback on page 9, panel 5 to events of page 8, panel 6 of the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #276; then appears in flashback on page 9, panel 6 in between page 8, panel 6 and page 9, panel 1 of the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #276; then appears in flashback on page 10, panel 2 through page 13, panel 1 following the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #276)

Ultra Boy (last seen in the second story in *Superboy* #100)

Matter-Eater Lad (Tenzil Kem; real name revealed in issue #365; identity revealed in issue #498; first appearance; last chronological appearance in flashback in *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #2; appears as a Legion applicant in a different costume; codename revealed in issue #303, which is his next appearance)

Villains

An unnamed electricity-wielding thief (first and only appearance to date; appears in flashback only)

An unnamed giant of planet Grykk (first and only appearance to date)

An unnamed lead monster of planet Ferno (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters

Lester Spiffany, Storm Boy, and **other rejected Legion applicants** (first and only appearance of all to date)

An unnamed scientist (first and only appearance to date; Bouncing Boy's former employer; appears only in flashback)

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis

Unnamed law officers of planet Lumbak (first and only appearance to date)

Comments

The Legion of Super-Heroes is mistakenly said to exist in the 21st century in this story.

The Legion's Mission Monitor Board first appears in this story.

Brainiac 5, Invisible Kid, Star Boy, Supergirl, and Superboy do not appear in this story.

Following this story, Cosmic Boy and Lightning Lad appear in the Superman Day Parade in *Superman* #157.

Synopsis

In order to lift the spirits of a group of prospective Legion applicants, Bouncing Boy tells them of his origin, and of the difficulties he faced in trying to convince the Legion that he was worthy of membership. The Legionnaires initially believed his power was worthless, and he failed in his various attempts to convince them otherwise, until he was able to capture a thief with an electrical weapon by bouncing to avoid being shocked.

Adventure Comics #302
November 1962

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and George Klein (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

FIRST STORY

"Superboy Meets Steelboy" (14 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Character

Superboy

Comment

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SECOND STORY

"Sun-Boy's Lost Power" (12 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Jerry Siegel**
Penciler, inker: **John Forte**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

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Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy (last seen in *Superman* #157)

Saturn Girl, Chameleon Boy, Shrinking Violet, Superboy, Sun Boy (origin revealed), **Bouncing Boy,** and **Ultra Boy**

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FEATURING "The END of SUN BOY!"
DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR LOST SOLAR POWERS, SUN BOY! MY HEAT VISION, COMBINED WITH ULTRA-BOY'S FLASH VISION, WILL RE-CHARGE YOUR BODY!
SUNBOY!... ULTRA-BOY!... TURN OFF YOUR SUPER-VISION OR I'LL DIE! I CAN NO LONGER ABSORB HEAT! I'LL HAVE TO RESIGN FROM THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES!

Villains

Kranyak and **his four henchmen** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Guest Appearance

Pete Ross (last seen in the second story in *Superboy* #100; appears next in the Superboy story in issue #306)

Other Characters

The Mayor of 30th century Metropolis (first appearance; appears next in issue #349)

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (appear next in issue #304)

Professor Harding (first and only appearance to date; an entomologist)

An unnamed prison guard (first and only appearances to date)

Two unnamed Science Police officers (first appearance; next appearance of a Science Police officer in issue #306)

A Superboy robot (last seen in the second in in *Superboy* #100; appears next in the second story in *Superboy* #102)

An Ultra Boy robot (first and only appearance to date)

A Radiation-Beast and **a Hypno-Beast** (first and only appearance of both to date; creatures of the planet Lurna)

A Kryptonian Flame-Dragon (a Flame-Dragon was last seen in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #84; called a Flame-Beast in this story; no further appearances to date)

Comments

Brainiac 5, Colossal Boy, Invisible Kid, Lightning Lad, Phantom Girl, Star Boy, Supergirl, and Triplicate Girl do not appear in this story.

The Legion of Super-Heroes is mistakenly said to exist in the 21st century in this story.

Sun Boy's name is misspelled "Sun-Boy" in this story.

Synopsis

After attending the dedication of a Sun Boy statue, Sun Boy finds that his powers of heat and light have stopped working. With the help of the Legionnaires, he tries to recharge himself by duplicating the accident that gave him those powers, but to no avail. After his powers briefly return in an entomologist's office, he invites Ultra Boy and Superboy to concentrate their heat vision powers on him, still with no effect. Heartbroken, he resigns from the Legion, just as Kranyak, his old foe, breaks prison and comes after him.

More worried than before, Sun Boy realizes what it will take to recharge his powers, and deliberately walks into the blast of Kryptonian flame-beast. With his abilities restored, he defeats Kranyak, and rejoins the Legion. He then explains that he needed the heat-energy of a living being to restore his power, and the Ultra Boy and Superboy present are robots, sent to take those heroes' places while they celebrate Pete Ross's birthday in the 20th century.

Adventure Comics #303

December 1962

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

FIRST STORY

"The Man Who Hunted Superboy" (14 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler, inker: **George Papp**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

Superboy

Comment

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CAN'T FLY... KRYPTONITE TIED TO CLAWS OF THOSE TRAINED FALCONS... PARALYZING ME...
I WIN OUR DUEL, SUPERBOY! NOW YOU WILL DO AS I COMMAND— OR DIE!

SECOND STORY

"The Fantastic Spy" (12 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Jerry Siegel**
Penciler, inker: **John Forte**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy and **Saturn Girl** (next chronological appearance of both in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #298)

Lightning Lad (last seen in *Superman* #157; next chronological appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #298)

Triplicate Girl, Chameleon Boy, Shrinking Violet, Superboy, Sun Boy, and **Bouncing Boy**

Brainiac 5 (last seen in *Superman* #156)

Matter-Eater Lad (last seen in issue #301; codename and origin revealed in this story; joins the Legion of Super-Heroes in this story)

Supporting Characters

Chief Wilson of the Science Police (first appearance; last name and exact rank (Commissioner) revealed in issue #321; appears next in issue #308)

Villains

Dr. Landro and **his gang** and **a band of space pirates** (first and only appearances of all to date)

Meglaro (first and only appearance to date; an evil alien being)

Other Characters

An unnamed nurse, doctor, police officer, and **Earth-Tube passengers** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Microscopic zoo creatures (first and only appearance to date)

Comments

Colossal Boy, Invisible Kid, Phantom Girl, Star Boy, Supergirl, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

The Legion of Super-Heroes is mistakenly said to exist in the 21st century in this story.

Sun Boy's name is misspelled "Sun-Boy" in this story.

Following this story, Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, and Lightning Lad try—and fail—to travel to Supergirl's time to help her battle a band of Phantom Zone criminals in *Action Comics* #298.

Synopsis

While visiting Sun Boy and Lightning Lad in the hospital, Cosmic Boy and Brainiac 5 meet Dr. Landro, and witness his demonstration of "curative capsules" implanted directly into injured limbs. A week later, the bedridden Legionnaires are released, and are present at the induction of Matter-Eater Lad, and the assignment of several top-secret missions by the Science Police.

Unfortunately, each mission fails, leading the Legion to suspect a traitor in their midst. Matter-Eater Lad is accused and flees. However, Brainiac 5 had deduced that the "traitor" is actually a microscopic man, reduced by the shrinking-ray invented by the original Brianiac and encased in the curative capsule in Sun Boy's ankle. He and Matter-Eater Lad had staged the latter's accusation to mislead the true culprit. Once the tiny spy leads Dr. Landro and his allies to a planet where Superboy is waiting to apprehend them, the Legion has him restored to normal and taken into custody.

Adventure Comics #304

January 1963

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

FIRST STORY

"The War Between Superboy and Superman" (13 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Jerry Siegel**
Penciler, inker: **George Papp**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

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The WAR BETWEEN SUPERBOY and SUPERMAN!
LISTEN, YOU SUPER-SQUIRT! AND KRYPTONITE SPLIT US INTO A YOUTH AND AN ADULT, BUT SINCE WE BOTH CAN'T EXIST AT THE SAME TIME, I'LL HAVE TO DESTROY YOU!
DAD... MOM... SUPERMAN IS BULLYING ME!
STOP FIGHTING, BOYS! YOU'RE BOTH OUR SONS!
KENT'S GENERAL STORE

Feature Character

Superboy

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Adventure Comics*.

SECOND STORY

"The Stolen Super-Powers" (11 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Jerry Siegel**
Penciler, inker: **John Forte**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy (last chronological appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #298)

Saturn Girl (last chronological appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #298; next chronological appearance in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #6)

Lightning Lad (last chronological appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #298; appears in flashback on page 10, panel 2 of *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #2 in between page 7, panels 1 and 2 of this story; lapses into a death-like coma in this story)

Triplicate Girl, Phantom Girl, Colossal Boy, Supergirl, Brainiac 5, Shrinking Violet, Superboy, Sun Boy, Bouncing Boy, Ultra Boy, and **Matter-Eater Lad**

Chameleon Boy (appears next in the Superboy story in the next issue)

Invisible Kid (last seen in *Superman* #156)

Mon-El (last seen in issue #300; appears in flashback on page 10, panel 2 of *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #2 in between page 7, panels 1 and 2 of this story)

Supporting Character

Commander Loring of the World-Wide Police (first and only appearance to date; see second Comment below)

Villains

Zaryan the Conqueror and **his robot henchmen** (first and only appearance of all to date; invaders from planet Brokk)

Guest Appearance

Lori Lemaris (last chronological appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #298; next chronological appearance in *Superman's Girl Friend Lois Lane* #42)

Other Characters

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (last seen in issue #302; appear next in issue #306)

The Trylop Council of Mernl (no appearance; behind the scenes only)

Comments

Saturn Girl is elected leader in this story.

The Science Police are referred to as the World-Wide Police in this story.

Star Boy does not appear in this story.

Following this story, Chameleon Boy helps Superboy protect his secret identity in the Superboy story in the next issue.

Synopsis

The first to arrive at the clubhouse for the election meeting, Saturn Girl sees the arrival of a crystal capsule containing a mysterious message, which she reads and destroys. Later, she uses her mental powers to force each and every Legionnaire to vote for her, and then orders them to wear special medallions.

Saturn Girl then "tests" each Legionnaire, and suspends those who fail, which they all do in the face of their new leader's ridiculously harsh standards. Unknown to them, the special medallions enable her to duplicate their powers, and when the evil Zaryan the Conqueror attempts to attack Earth, she is the only one left to stop him. However, Lightning Lad ignores his suspension and follows her. He destroys Zaryan's ship, but is struck by the villain's freeze-ray at the same instant.

Saturn Girl brings the dying hero back to Earth, where he explains that Mon-El, watching from the Phantom Zone, had read the note she had received—one sent by aliens, whose computers had predicted that a Legionnaire would die in combat with Zaryan. She had then schemed to become the only one to face him, and thus sacrifice her life for her teammates. She would have succeeded, had not Mon-El telepathically revealed her plan to Lightning Lad.

Unable to join Mon-El in the Zone because of sunspot activity, Lightning Lad dies.

Adventure Comics #305

February 1963

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

APPROVED BY THE COMICS CODE AUTHORITY
12¢
Adventure
COMICS
featuring CLARK KENT, HE-MAN!
$100 CASH IF YOU CAN KNOCK DOWN SUPERBOY!
THAT'S OUR SON, EVERYBODY! WATCH HIM KNOCK THE STUFFING OUT OF THAT SUPERBOY DUMMY!
MA, ISN'T IT GREAT THAT CLARK DOESN'T HAVE TO WEAR HIS GLASSES AND ACT TIMID ANYMORE TO PROTECT HIS SECRET IDENTITY? FROM THIS DAY ON, WE CAN BRAG ABOUT HIM!

FIRST STORY

"Clark Kent, He-Man" (14 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler, inker: **George Papp**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

Superboy

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Adventure Comics*.

SECOND STORY

"The Secret of the Mystery Legionnaire" (12 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Jerry Siegel**
Penciler, inker: **John Forte**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Invisible Kid, Colossal Boy, Brainiac 5, Shrinking Violet, Sun Boy, and **Bouncing Boy**

Saturn Girl (last chronological appearance in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #6)

Mon-El (temporarily uses the aliases "Marvel Lad" and "Legionnaire Lemon" (Lemon is an anagram of Mon-El) in this story)

Villains

Jax-Ur (last chronological appearance in *DC Comics Presents* #97; last chronological appearance to date) and **other Phantom Zone criminals** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Other Characters

A Sun-Eater (first and only appearance to date; not to be confused with the Sun-Eater in issue #352–353)

Antennae Boy (first appearance; a rejected Legion applicant; appears next in *DC Comics Presents* #59)

Dynamo Boy (a rejected Legion applicant; first and only appearance to date)

Monsters of the planet Brogg (first and only appearance to date)

Cameo Appearances

Superboy (in flashback)
Lightning Lad (as a corpse and as a statue)

Comments

Chameleon Boy, Matter-Eater Lad, Phantom Girl, Star Boy, Superboy, Supergirl, Triplicate Girl, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

After rejecting two candidates for membership, the Legionnaires meet a worthwhile hero, Marvel Lad, or "Legionnaire Lemon", who demonstrates all the powers of Superboy and Mon-El, but not their weaknesses to Kryptonite and lead. By the end of the day, he passes their initiation by retrieving the rare mineral fluvium, defeating a Sun-Eater, vanquishing the monsters of the planet Brogg, and creating an anti-gravity metal. After being told that they will induct him next day, he vanishes.

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The following day, he appears—and reveals himself as Mon-El. He explains that Brainiac 5 had secretly developed an antidote to his fatal lead poisoning, but thought it best to keep it a secret in case it failed. Unable to resist the joke, though, the two of them concocted a fictitious identity for him to see whether or not he could join incognito.

After a final trip to the Phantom Zone to bid farewell to its criminal inhabitants, Mon-El joins the Legion permanently.

Adventure Comics #306

March 1963

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

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12¢
Adventure
COMICS
Featuring "The RUNAWAY TOWN!"
APPROVED BY THE COMICS CODE AUTHORITY
MAR. NO. 306
OWW! YOU RIPPED OFF MY BUMPER! YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, SUPERBOY!
HELP, SUPERBOY! GET US BACK ON THE GROUND!
THESE FANTASTIC CREATURES HAVE TAKEN OVER ALL THE OBJECTS IN SMALLVILLE! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO STOP THEM - BUT I DON'T DARE TRY IT!
Extra! "THE LEGION of SUBSTITUTE HEROES!" Introducing... POLAR LAD... NIGHT GIRL... STONE BOY... and The CHLOROPHYLL KID!

FIRST STORY

"The 5th Dimensional High-School" (12 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler, inker: **George Papp**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

Superboy

Comments

The names of letterer Joe Letterese and production artist Ed Eisenberg appear in the story, spelled backwards, as the names of two inhabitants of Mr. Mxyzptlk's 5th dimensional world of Zrfff.

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SECOND STORY

"The Legion of Substitute Heroes" (14 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Edmond Hamilton**
Penciler, inker: **John Forte**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Colossal Boy, Brainiac 5, Shrinking Violet, and **Bouncing Boy**

Saturn Girl and **Sun Boy** (both appear in flashback in the second story in *Superboy* #212 in between page 3, panels 5 and 6 of this story; see Comment below)

Chameleon Boy (last chronological appearance in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #6)

Supporting Characters

Polar Boy (Brek Bannin; first appearance; last chronological appearance in flashback in *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #3; origin revealed; character suggested by reader Buddy La Vigne in the letters column of issue #304; appears next in issue #311)

Night Girl (Lydda Jath; real name revealed in issue #365; first appearance; origin revealed; appears in flashback in the second story in *Superboy* #212 in between page 3, panels 5 and 6 of this story; see Comment below; appears next in issue #311)

Stone Boy (Dag Wentim; real name revealed in issue #365; first appearance; origin revealed; appears next in issue #311)

Fire Lad (Staq Mavlen; real name revealed in issue #365; first appearance; origin revealed; appears next in issue #311)

Chlorophyll Kid (Ral Benem; real name revealed in issue #365; first appearance; origin revealed; teamed with the above four characters as the **Legion of Substitute Heroes;** appears next in issue #311)

Villains

The Plant Men (first and only appearance to date; tree-like aliens)

An unnamed criminal gang (first and only appearance to date)

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Other Characters

Dr. Jath (first name never revealed; first and only appearance to date; a scientist of planet Kathoon and Night Girl's father; appears in flashback to Night Girl's origin)

Mr. and **Mrs. Wentim** (first names never revealed; first and only appearance to date; Stone Boy's parents; both appear in flashback to Stone Boy's origin)

Stone Boy's unnamed brother and sister (first and only appearance to date; both appear in flashback to Stone Boy's origin)

Mr. and **Mrs. Benem** (first names never revealed; first and only appearance to date; Chlorophyll Kid's parents; the hydroponics worker depicted is revealed as his father in flashback in *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #3; both appear in flashback to Chlorophyll Kid's origin)

A spaceship captain and **three citizens of planet Tharr** (first and only appearance of all to date)

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (last seen in issue #304; appear next in issue #313)

An unnamed television newscaster and **an unnamed pilot** (first and only appearances of both to date)

An unnamed Science Police officer (last appearance of a Science Police officer in issue #302; next appearance of a Science Police officer in issue #308)

Artificially-evolved sea monsters (first and only appearance to date)

Comments

The flashback to Night Girl's origin in the second story in *Superboy* #212, in which Saturn Girl, Sun Boy, and Night Girl appear in between page 3, panels 5 and 6 of this story, also mistakenly depicts Lightning Lad, who cannot appear in the scene in question, since he is still in a death-like coma at this time.

Invisible Kid, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Star Boy, Superboy, Supergirl, Triplicate Girl, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

Sun Boy's name is misspelled "Sunboy" in this story.

Polar Boy is mistakenly called "Polar Lad" on the cover of this issue.

The Legion of Super-Heroes is mistakenly said to exist in the 21st century in this story.

It is revealed in this story that rejected Legion applicants receive anti-gravity belts as consolation prizes.

Synopsis

Five rejected Legion applicants—Polar Boy, Night Girl, Stone Boy, Fire Lad, and Chlorophyll Kid—refuse to resign themselves to failure, and band together as the Legion of Substitute Heroes, secret pinch-hitters for the real Legion. Together, they build and equip a mountain headquarters, and keep tabs on their heroes. However, discouragement soon sets in as they find the Legionnaires competently handling any and all threats to Earth.

Eventually, though, when the Legion leaves the planet to combat a fleet of attacking robot ships, the Substitutes discover that these ships are merely a diversion and uncover a plot by the malevolent Plant Men to take over the Earth. Travelling to their home planet, the Substitutes thwart the Plant Men's scheme, and return to Earth as secret heroes.

Adventure Comics #307

April 1963

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

DC
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Adventure
COMICS
LEGIONNAIRES, MY CAMERA EYE CAN PROJECT ANY EVENT I'VE EVER SEEN. LIKE THIS FIGHT BETWEEN SUPERBOY AND BIZARRO! WHO HAS A MORE UNIQUE POWER?
I HAVE! BUT I DARE NOT REVEAL IT!
MYSTERY LAD
SUN BOY
Challenge! What is The SECRET Power of the MYSTERY SUPER-HERO!?

FIRST STORY

"The Confession of Superboy" (12 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler, inker: **George Papp**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

Superboy

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Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Adventure Comics*.

SECOND STORY

"The Secret Power of the Mystery Super-Hero" (13 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Edmond Hamilton**
Penciler, inker: **John Forte**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, Invisible Kid, Colossal Boy, Brainiac 5, Sun Boy, and **Bouncing Boy**

Element Lad (Jan Arrah; uses the alias "Mystery Lad" in this story; first appearance; last chronological appearance in flashback in *Superboy* #211; origin revealed; joins the Legion of Super-Heroes in this story; appears next in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #70)

Villains

Roxxas (first appearance; a space pirate; appears next in *Superboy* #211)

Roxxas's gang of space-pirates (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters

Two unnamed rejected Legion applicants (first and only appearance of both to date)

The inhabitants of planet Vuruna (first and only appearance to date; as voices only)

The inhabitants of planet Oranz (first and only appearance to date)

The inhabitants of planet Trom (first appearance; last chronological appearance in flashback in *Superboy* #211; natives of Element Lad's home planet; appear in flashback only; all have been killed by Roxxas by the time of this story)

Cameo Appearances

Superboy and **Bizarro-Superboy** (as images)

Comments

Invisible Kid's hair is miscolored black and his costume is miscolored yellow as of this issue through issue #319.

Chameleon Boy, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Superboy, Supergirl, Triplicate Girl, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

The Legion of Super-Heroes is mistakenly said to exist in the 21st century in this story.

Synopsis

Desperate for aid in their upcoming battle against the space pirate Roxxas, the Legionnaires interview several new applicants. One in particular, "Mystery Lad", volunteers to demonstrate his ability to only one member, Saturn Girl, provided it be kept a secret. She then recommends him for membership.

Voted in, Mystery Lad fights alongside the Legion as they comb the galaxy for members of Roxxas's gang, and vaguely demonstrates his secret power several times. Finally, he realizes that Roxxas is really after him, and leaving his teammates behind, surrenders to the villain. Then he uses his power, that of transmutation, to destroy the pirate's ship, and the Legion captures the villain and his band

Mystery Lad is revealed as the last of a race whose members could transmute the elements, and who were wiped out by Roxxas and his followers. When the other Legionnaires realize Mystery Lad's real power, Cosmic Boy rechristens him Element Lad.

Adventure Comics #308

May 1963

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Extra! "THE STRANGE RETURN OF LIGHTNING LAD!"
Adventure COMICS
MAY
12¢
SUPERBOY, YOU'VE INFECTED US ALL WITH A RED KRYPTONITE VIRUS, AND IT'S CHANGED OUR BODIES WE RULE! I ORDER YOU TO LEAVE TOWN!
DO WHAT CHIEF PACKER SAYS, SON, BEFORE YOU START A RED KRYPTONITE PLAGUE IN TOWN!
Featuring: SUPERBOY as--- "THE SUPER-MENACE OF SMALLVILLE!"

FIRST STORY

"The Super-Menace of Smallville" (14 pages)

Adventure Comics

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler, inker: **George Papp**
Letterers: **Milton Snapinn** (splash page only) and **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

Superboy

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Adventure Comics*.

SECOND STORY

"The Return of Lightning Lad" (11 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Edmond Hamilton**
Penciler, inker: **John Forte**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, Triplicate Girl, Chameleon Boy, Supergirl, Brainiac 5, Shrinking Violet, Superboy, Sun Boy, Bouncing Boy, and **Mon-El**

Lightning Lass (Ayla Ranzz; first appearance; last chronological appearance in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #6; origin revealed; joins the Legion of Super-Heroes in this story)

Supporting Characters

Proty (first appearance; a Protean, a sentient shape-changing creature from a planet of the star Antares; becomes Chameleon Boy's pet in this story; appears next in issue #312)

Chief Wilson of the Science Police (last seen in issue #303; appears next in issue #316)

Villains

Three-headed criminals from the Hydra World (first and only appearance to date)

The unnamed master of Thieves' World (first and only appearance to date)

Pyramid Men of planet Altair, Ant-Men of planet Canopus, and **Autom Guard robots** (first and only appearance of all to date; denizens of Thieves' World)

Other Characters

Jon Arkol (first and only appearance to date; a 30th century scientist)

An unnamed Science Police officer (last appearance of a Science Police officer in issue #306) date)

An unnamed prison guard on Thieves' World (first and only appearance to date)

A Vegan Living Top (first and only appearance to date; this is the first appearance of any being from the Vegan system)

A Sirian Phantom Beast (first and only appearance to date)

Cameo Appearances

Lightning Lad (origin retold; as a corpse and in flashback) and **lightning-monsters of planet Korbal** (in flashback)

Comments

The Legion pennant first appears in this story.

Sun Boy's name is misspelled "Sunboy" in this story.

Colossal Boy, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Matter-Eater Lad, Phantom Girl, Star Boy, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

While visiting the tomb of Lightning Lad, the Legionnaires watch as their deceased comrade rises from his death-like coma. However, they are concerned that, during this coma, the electrical charge that originally gave him his abilities may have drained away and that, powerless, he will have to resign from the team. The Legionnaires test him during their next mission, but Sun Boy secretly uses his power to cover for his friend.

Before a second test can be done, the team is ordered by the Chief of the Science Police to find the Thieves' Planet, a refuge for the universe's criminals. After capturing a pirate ship, in which Chameleon Boy finds and adopts a pet Protean, the team arrives on Thieves' World. They are captured by its evil master, a being of pure electrical energy. With the help of "Proty", they escape, and with the help of Lightning Lad, who has his powers after all, they defeat this evil master.

No one is more surprised to see Lightning Lad in action than Sun Boy, who explains that he had suspected from the start that the resurrected Legionnaire was not Garth Ranzz at all, but his twin sister. Exposed, "Lightning Lad" confesses, telling the team that she, too, was present years ago when her brother originally received his powers on Korbal. Later, a vote is taken, and Ayla Ranzz, rechristened Lightning Lass, joins the Legion.

Adventure Comics #309

June 1963

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

FIRST STORY

"The Legion of Super-Monsters" (17 pages)
Part 1: **"The Legion of Super-Monsters"**
Part 2: **"The Legion's Super-Showdown"**

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Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Edmond Hamilton**
Penciler, inker: **John Forte**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

12¢
Adventure COMICS
featuring The FAKE SUPERBOY FROM KRYPTON!
NOW REMEMBER, KID! YOU WERE BORN ON KRYPTON AND YOUR NAME THERE WAS KAL-EL! YOUR PARENTS, JOR-EL AND LARA SENT YOU TO EARTH IN THIS ROCKET! GOT IT?
RIGHT, BLACKIE! AND MY SECRET IDENTITY IS CLARK KENT, THAT PUNK WE TIED UP!
Extra! "THE LEGION of SUPER-MONSTERS!" Introducing. . EARTHQUAKE BEAST... MIRROR MONSTER... OMNIBEAST... and The DRILLER!

Feature Characters

Saturn Girl, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Sun Boy, Bouncing Boy, Ultra Boy, and **Mon-El**

Brainiac 5 (appears next in the second story in this issue)

Villains

Jungle King (aka Monster Master; first name never revealed; last name, "King", revealed in issue #324; first appearance; dies in this story)

The Legion of Super-Monsters (Earthquake Beast, Eye Monster, Mirror Monster, Drill Beast, and **Omnibeast;** first and only appearance of all to date)

Other Characters

An unnamed science professor (first and only appearance to date)

Rainbow Girl (first and only appearance to date; a rejected Legion applicant)

Dez-Nu (first and only appearance to date; Jungle King's father; appears in flashback to Jungle King's origin; see Comment below)

Customers, guards and **employees of the Space Bank** (first and only appearance of all to date)

The citizens of Sky City on planet Korr (first and only appearance to date)

An unnamed Science Police officer

Super-Spinner Beast and **Gas Creature** (first and only appearance of both to date)

A Borlat (first and only appearance to date)

Cameo Appearances

Cosmic Boy, Invisible Kid, Matter-Eater Lad, Shrinking Violet, Superboy, and **Triplicate Girl** (as faces on the Mission Monitor Board)

Comments

The children of Dez-Nu apparently adopted the family name King at some point, since Jungle King's brother, who appears in issue #324, is named Dr. Marden King.

Cosmic Boy, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Lightning Lass, Matter-Eater Lad, Phantom Girl, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Superboy, Supergirl, and Triplicate Girl do not appear in this story.

Following this story, Brainiac 5 travels to the 20th century to help Superboy preserve the secret of his dual identity in the second story in this issue.

Then Element Lad travels to Superman's time to help him celebrate his 25th anniversary in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #70.

Synopsis

After being rejected for membership, Jungle King, master of animals, vows revenge on the Legion. Travelling to Monster World, a planet legendary for its dangerous animal life, he gathers several super-powered creatures. After loading them aboard his spaceship, he sets out to terrorize the universe with his "Legion of Super-Monsters," which succeeds in overcoming the Legion.

Eventually, the Legion tracks Jungle King back to Monster World, and defeats his super-beasts in combat. Before their foe can escape, he is attacked by a Gas Creature, which he had rejected as too weak for his Legion. Its ability to vaporize anything it grabs destroys him.

SECOND STORY

"The Fake Superboy From Krypton" (8 pages)

Adventure Comics

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler, inker: **George Papp**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

Superboy

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Adventure Comics*.

Adventure Comics #310

July 1963

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

DC
12
Adventure
COMICS
JULY
NO 310
ARF!.. ARF!
IT'S INCREDIBLE! SUPERBOY IS ACTING LIKE KRYPTO, AND KRYPTO IS ACTING LIKE A HUMAN!
SMART THINKING, SUPERBOY, SAVING THAT FALLING WORKER WITH YOUR TEETH! I'LL REWARD YOU WITH A JUICY BONE!
featuring WHEN KRYPTO BECAME SUPERBOY'S MASTER!
EXTRA! A GREAT 2-PART NOVEL featuring THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES!

FIRST STORY

"The Doom of the Super-Heroes" (17 pages)
Part 1: **"The Doom of the Super-Heroes"**
Part 2: **"The Last Stand of the Legion"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Edmond Hamilton**
Penciler, inker: **John Forte**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, Chameleon Boy, Invisible Kid, Shrinking Violet, Superboy, Sun Boy, Bouncing Boy, Ultra Boy, Mon-El, and **Lightning Lass**

Triplicate Girl (behind the scenes in this story; appears next in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #72)

Phantom Girl (behind the scenes in this story)

Colossal Boy (appears next in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #72)

Brainiac 5 (last seen in the second story in last issue)

Element Lad (last seen in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #70; behind the scenes in this story)

Villains

Mask Man (first and only appearance to date; the 30th century descendant of Mr. Mxyzptlk; not to be confused with the Mxyzptlk introduced in issue #354)

Other Characters

An unnamed science police officer (Science Police officers appear next in issue #319)

Ak Aru (a scientist on Doll World) and **an unnamed female inhabitant of Doll World** (first and only appearance of both to date)

Cameo Appearance

Star Boy (as a face on splash page)

Comments

The Legion Pledge is first depicted in this story.

Matter-Eater Lad, Star Boy, and Supergirl do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

On the day of the Legion's Rededication Ceremony, a doll-sized lead-masked villain, possessing the powers of all the Legionnaires, appears over Metropolis, kills Ultra Boy, and vanishes. The heroes, calling this nemesis "Mask Man", surmise that someone so small could only have come from the Doll World, and track him there, only to watch as he murders several more Legionnaires.

Retreating to a nearby planetoid, the Legion builds a defensive citadel. However, Mask Man soon infiltrates the stronghold, eventually killing every remaining hero except Superboy, who guesses that their foe is actually a descendant of his 5th-dimensional foe, Master Mxyzptlk. Once the Boy of Steel tricks him into saying his name backwards, Mask Man is banished to his home dimension. All of the effects of his magic vanish, the Legionnaires return to life, and only Superboy is left to remember the last stand of the Legion.

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SECOND STORY

"When Krypto Was Superboy's Master" (8 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler, inker: **George Papp**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

Superboy

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Adventure Comics*.

Adventure Comics #311

August 1963

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

Extra! A GREAT SUPERBABY STORY!
Adventure COMICS
AUG. NO. 311
SUPERBOY
SHRINKING VIOLET
COSMIC BOY
SATURN GIRL
BOUNCING BOY
CHAMELEON BOY
STAR BOY
SUN BOY
AS LEADER OF THE LEGION OF SUBSTITUTE HEROES !, POLAR BOY, ACCUSE THESE SUPER HEROES OF PLOTTING TO CONQUER THE EARTH! I VOTE WE BATTLE THEM TO A SNOWDOWN
Sensational! The LEGION of SUBSTITUTE HEROES Declares WAR on The LEGION of SUPER-HEROES!

FIRST STORY

"The War Between the Substitute Heroes and the Legionnaires" (17 pages)
Part 2: **"The Duel of the Legions"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Edmond Hamilton**
Penciler, inker: **John Forte**
Letterers: **Joe Letterese** and **Milton Snapinn** (Part 2 only)

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, Chameleon Boy, Brainiac 5, Sun Boy, and **Bouncing Boy**

Supporting Characters

Polar Boy and **Night Girl** (both last seen in issue #306; both appear next in issue #313)

Stone Boy, Fire Lad, and **Chlorophyll Kid** (all last seen in issue #306; teamed with Polar Boy and Night Girl as the **Legion of Substitute Heroes;** all appear next in issue #315)

Villains

A **group of Zyzanians** (first and only appearance to date; malevolent aliens)

Cameo Appearances

Colossal Boy, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Lightning Lass, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Superboy, Triplicate Girl, and **Ultra Boy** (in a picture on board the Substitute Heroes' spaceship)

Comments

Colossal Boy, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Lightning Lass, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Superboy, Supergirl, Triplicate Girl, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

While the Legion is called into space, the Legion of Substitute Heroes deals with a mining machine meant to strip the Earth of its rare ores. However, instead of being grateful upon their return, the Legionnaires direct the Substitutes to disband, then attack them when they do not comply.

The Substitutes correctly deduce that the Legionnaires are actually alien impostors who have imprisoned the real Legion and taken their places. They expose the aliens and free the real Legion, without the latter's knowledge, the Substitutes choosing to continue operating secretly.

SECOND STORY

"Smallville's War Against Superbaby" (9 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

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Feature Character

Superboy

Comment

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Adventure Comics #312

September 1963

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

FIRST STORY

"The Super-Sacrifice of the Legionnaires" (15 pages)
Part 2: **"The Bravest Legionnaire"**

Starring SUPERBOY, MON-EL, SATURN GIRL, SUN BOY and other SUPER-HEROES!
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THE FIRST BOLT TO STRIKE A MEMBER'S WAND WILL FLASH THROUGH THAT LEGIONNAIRE'S BODY AND REVIVE LIGHTNING LAD! BUT I WARN YOU... WHICHEVER ONE OF US ATTRACTS THE LIGHTNING WILL DIE!
Featuring "The SUPER-SACRIFICE of the LEGIONNAIRES!"

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Edmond Hamilton**
Penciler, inker: **John Forte**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Saturn Girl, Chameleon Boy, Superboy, Sun Boy, Mon-El, and **Lightning Lass**

Lightning Lad (last seen in issue #304; returns to life in this story)

Supporting Character

Proty (last seen in issue #308; dies in this story)

Other Characters

Employees of the Interplanetary Post Office (first and only appearance to date)

The inhabitants of the planet Skor and **the inhabitants of a planet of a blue sun in Galaxy AB-213** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Tarocs (first and only appearance to date; alien creatures)

Space serpents (first and only appearance to date)

An unnamed doctor of planet Daxam (first and only appearance to date)

Comment

Brainiac 5, Bouncing Boy, Colossal Boy, Cosmic Boy, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Matter-Eater Lad, Phantom Girl, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Supergirl, Triplicate Girl, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

The Legionnaires anxiously await the arrival of Mon-El, who has travelled to his home planet to find some way to revive their fallen comrade, Lightning Lad. When he returns, he claims to have failed, but Saturn Girl reads his mind and discovers that he is lying, although she cannot think why.

Refusing to accept defeat, the heroes dedicate themselves to finding a way to return Lightning Lad to life. Unfortunately, although they comb the galaxy for leads, they can unearth no working method. Finally, Saturn Girl confronts Mon-El with her knowledge that he does know a way to bring back their friend. He explains that a device can be built that will channel a lightning bolt through a special steel rod into Lightning Lad's body and resurrect him, but not without killing whoever holds the rod.

The heroes decide to let fate choose which of them will sacrifice his life. Six Legionnaires bring their comrade's coffin to Lightning World, and, holding identical rods, wait patiently to see who will be struck. However, Saturn Girl has secretly constructed her rod of duralim, a highly conductive metal. Finally, a bolt strikes her rod, and revives Lightning Lad, just as another Saturn Girl emerges from a nearby cave.

She explains that it wasn't she who died, but Proty, Chameleon Boy's pet, who had discovered her plan of sacrifice, lured her into a nearby cavern, and then taken her place.

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SECOND STORY

"Lana Lang, Hollywood Star" (10 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler, inker: **George Papp**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

Superboy

Comment

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Adventure Comics #313

October 1963

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SUPERBOY, WE'VE ALL BECOME VICTIMS OF THE CRIMSON VIRUS! CAN YOU SAVE US?
I'M SORRY, SATURN GIRL... BUT ALL THE GIRL MEMBERS OF THE LEGION ARE DOOMED! YOU MUST SPEND YOUR LAST DAYS ON QUARANTINE WORLD!
Featuring NIGHT GIRL... PHANTOM GIRL... LIGHTNING LASS... TRIPLICATE GIRL... SHRINKING VIOLET and SATURN GIRL in
"The CONDEMNED LEGIONNAIRES!"

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

FIRST STORY

"The Condemned Legionnaires" (16 pages)
Part 2: **"The Secret of Satan Girl"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Edmond Hamilton**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inkers: **George Klein** and **Sheldon Moldoff** (Part 2 only)
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, Lightning Lad, Phantom Girl, Chameleon Boy, Supergirl, Brainiac 5, Shrinking Violet, Superboy, Sun Boy, Bouncing Boy, Mon-El, and **Lightning Lass**

Triplicate Girl (appears next in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #72)

Colossal Boy (appears next in the Superboy story in issue #315)

Supporting Characters

Polar Boy and **Night Girl** (both last seen in issue #311; both appear next in issue #315)

Beppo (last seen in issue #293; appears next in the Superman story in *Action Comics* #309)

Comet (last seen in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #304; appears next in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #306)

Krypto (last seen in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #68; appears next in *Superman* #165)

Streaky (last seen in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #292; teamed with the above four characters as the **Legion of Super-Pets;** appears next in *Action Comics* #306)

Villain

Satan Girl (first and only appearance to date; a Red Kryptonite-formed evil double of Supergirl)

Other Characters

An unnamed doctor on the Quarantine World (first and only appearance to date)

Unnamed alien delegates to Earth (first and only appearance to date)

The giant inhabitants of an unnamed dimension (first appearance; the puppeteers of the Puppet Planetoid; appear next in flashback in issue #316)

Ball-shaped, bouncing aliens on an unnamed planet (first and only appearance to date)

The robot nurses of Quarantine World (first and only appearance to date)

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (last seen in issue #306; appear next in issue #316)

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Adventure Comics #314
November 1963

Comments

The Legion of Super-Pets was last seen in issue #293 and appears next in the Superman story in Action Comics #309.

Ultra Boy is erroneously shown as unable to see through lead, while Superboy is able to melt it, in this story.

Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Matter-Eater Lad, Star Boy, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

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SUPERBOY, NEED MY WARNING! I'VE ASSEMBLED THE THREE GREATEST VILLAINS OF ALL TIME - UNLESS YOU DISBAND THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES AT ONCE WE WILL DESTROY ALL 25 MEMBERS!
WHO CAN HIS EVIL COMRADES BE? NO X-RAY VISION CAN'T SEE THROUGH THEIR MASKS!
NEITHER CAN MINE
AND, DESPITE MY POWERS OF TELEPATHY, I CAN'T READ THEIR MINDS!
Featuring SUPERBOY... MON-EL... ULTRA-BOY... LIGHTNING LAD... SUN-BOY... SATURN GIRL and OTHER members of "The LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES!"

Synopsis

When a mysterious crimson plague strikes the female Legionnaires (as well as Legion Substitute Night Girl), they are exiled to Quarantine World until such a time as their teammates can find a cure. When a super-powered villainess calling herself Satan Girl appears to battle the Legion and take credit for the sickness, Supergirl is asked to take care of her and discover her identity, while the male Legionnaires look after the quarantined females.

Unable to defeat their foe, Supergirl and the others try to hide the girls from her, but to no avail. It is only with the help of the Legion of Super-Pets that the heroes are finally able to subdue and unmask Satan Girl, who turns out to be an evil double of Supergirl.

Beaten, she explains that, on her way to meet the Legion, the real Supergirl had encountered a piece of Red Kryptonite that first created the evil double and then erased Supergirl's memory of the incident. Taking the identity of Satan Girl, the masked doppleganger tried to siphon off the Red Kryptonite radiation into the bodies of the female Legionnaires before it wore off, thus preserving her existence.

When the effect finally does wear off, Satan Girl is absorbed back into Supergirl's body, and the girls recover.

SECOND STORY

"Father's Day on Planet Krypton" (9 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Leo Dorfman**
Penciler, inker: **George Papp**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

Superboy

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Adventure Comics*.

FIRST STORY

"The Super-Villains of All Ages" (17 pages)
Part 2: **"The Civil War of the Legion"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Edmond Hamilton**
Penciler, inker: **John Forte**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

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Feature Characters

Saturn Girl (appears next in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #307)

Lightning Lad, Chameleon Boy, Invisible Kid, Brainiac 5, Superboy, and **Bouncing Boy**

Shrinking Violet (appears next in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #72)

Sun Boy and **Ultra Boy** (next chronological appearance of both in flashback in issue #316)

Mon-El (reveals that he must drink his serum every 48 hours to retain his invulnerability to lead; appears next in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #72)

Villains

Alaktor (first and only appearance to date)

John Dillinger, Adolph Hitler, and **Emperor Nero (Nero Claudius Drusus Germanicus;** all three brought from the past by Alaktor)

Dillinger's henchman and **Hitler's guards** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Other Characters

Ronn Kar (first appearance; a rejected Legion applicant; appears next in issue #372)

Roman centurions, a police officer, two bank employees, and **eight Allied pilots** (planes only seen; first and only appearance of all to date)

Comments

Colossal Boy, Cosmic Boy, Element Lad, Lightning Lass, Matter-Eater Lad, Phantom Girl, Star Boy, Supergirl, and Triplicate Girl do not appear in this story.

Following this story, Sun Boy and Ultra Boy go on a mission to the Puppet Planetoid as shown in flashback in issue #316.

Then Saturn Girl prevents Supergirl from marrying the evil Tor-An in *Action Comics* #307.

Synopsis

Posing as a Legion applicant, the villainous Alaktor gains entry to the Legion Clubhouse, and secretly takes pictures that allow him to circumvent their security system and steal a Time Bubble. Travelling to the past, he gathers Emperor Nero, John Dillinger, and Adolph Hitler, and constructs a device that transfers their personalities into the bodies of Mon-El, Ultra Boy, and Superboy respectively.

Together, the evil trio gathers the mighty scientific machines of the Lost World for Alaktor, nearly destroying their former teammates in the process, until Saturn Girl uses her mental powers to turn the three possessed heroes against one another. This allows the Legion to apprehend Alaktor and force him to return the evil personalities to their proper hosts.

SECOND STORY

"My Son, the Boy of Steel" (9 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler, inker: **George Papp**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

Superboy

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Adventure Comics*.

Adventure Comics #315

December 1963

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

FIRST STORY

"The Legionnaire's [sic] Super-Contest" (16 pages)
Part 2: **"The Winner of the Super-Tests"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Edmond Hamilton**
Penciler, inker: **John Forte**
Letterers: **Joe Letterese** (splash page and Part 2 only) and **unknown**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Lightning Lad, Chameleon Boy, and **Bouncing Boy** (all appear next in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #72)

Saturn Girl (last seen in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #307; appears next in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #72)

Brainiac 5 and **Superboy**

Sun Boy (last chronological appearance in flashback in next issue)

Supporting Characters

Polar Boy and **Night Girl** (both last seen in issue #313; origins retold; both appear next in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #72)

Stone Boy and **Fire Lad** (both last seen in issue #311; origins retold; both appear next in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #72)

Chlorophyll Kid (last seen in issue #311; origin retold; teamed with the above four characters as the **Legion of Substitute Heroes;** appears next in issue #319)

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WHO WILL WIN "THE LEGIONNAIRES' SUPER-CONTEST"? SEE INSIDE!
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DON'T PANIC, ANYBODY! I'LL USE MY HEAT VISION TO WELD THE BREAK IN THIS BRIDGE!
HOW CAN THAT GIANT YOUTH BE SUPERBOY— WHEN I AM?!
featuring "The TITANIC SUPERBOY!"

Villains

An unnamed alien band of space-raiders (first and only appearance to date)

Sun Woman (tyrant ruler of planet Vannar) and her guards (first and only appearance of all to date)

A Rantak (first and only appearance to date; an alien creature)

Other Characters

A group of unnamed scientists (first and only appearance to date)

Guests at the Law Enforcement Convention (first and only appearance to date)

The inhabitants of planet Vannar, inhabitants of the Rainy Asteroid, and **inhabitants of an unnamed asteroid** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Cameo Appearances

The inhabitants of planet Tharr, Dr. Jath, Mr. and **Mrs. Benem,** and **Mr.** and **Mrs. Wentim and family** (all in flashbacks to the origins of the Substitute Heroes)

Comments

Colossal Boy, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Lightning Lass, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Supergirl, Triplicate Girl, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

Bouncing Boy is mistakenly called "Bouncing Girl" in the Roll Call on the splash page of this story.

Following this story, Colossal Boy travels to the 20th century to help Superboy preserve the secret of his dual identity in the second story in this issue.

Then Bouncing Boy, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Cosmic Boy, Lightning Lad, Mon-El, Saturn Girl, Shrinking Violet, Sun Boy, Triplicate Girl, and Substitutes Fire Lad, Night Girl, Polar Boy, and Stone Boy initiate Jimmy Olsen as an honorary Legionnaire in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #72.

Then Ultra Boy gives Jimmy Olsen a wedding gift from the Legion in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #73.

Synopsis

In saving Earth from a band of space-raiders, the Substitute Legion inadvertently reveals its existence to the Legion of Super-Heroes. When they explain that they exist not as competition but as secret helpers, the members are invited to participate in a series of contests, the winner to be made a full Legionnaire.

Polar Boy enters a volcano, and uses his powers to safely thaw a pair of frozen scientists; Night Girl vanquishes Sun Woman, the tyrant of Vannar; Chlorophyll Kid splits a mountain by accelerating the growth of plants within it to create a needed water passage; and Fire Lad creates a permanent fire-geyser on a rainy asteroid. Only Stone Boy fails in his task to subdue and capture a wild beast, but because only he refuses to try a second time for fear that the beast might hurt someone. The Legionnaires are impressed enough with his show of self-sacrifice to choose him as winner. Stone Boy is grateful for the honor, but decides to stay with his friends in the Substitutes.

SECOND STORY

"The Titanic Boy of Steel" (9 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler, inker: **George Papp**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

Superboy

Comment

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Adventure Comics #316

January 1964

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

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COMICS
ULTRA BOY, OUR DECISION IS THAT YOU BE EXPELLED FROM THE LEGION, IN DISGRACE, FOR YOUR BLACK DEEDS!... BURN AWAY HIS INSIGNIA, SUPERBOY AND LIGHTNING LAD!
FOOLS! YOU FORGET I STILL HAVE MIGHTY SUPER-POWERS... I SWEAR I'LL USE THEM TO GET EVEN WITH ALL OF YOU!
Featuring: "The RENEGADE SUPER-LEGIONNAIRE!"
Special! FOUR PAGES OF PICTURES WITH ORIGINS & POWERS OF ALL THE LEGIONNAIRES!

STORY

"The Renegade Super-Hero" (19 pages)
Part 2: **"The End of a Super-Traitor"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Edmond Hamilton**
Penciler, inker: **John Forte**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Shrinking Violet, and **Mon-El** (all last seen in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #72)

Saturn Girl, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Brainiac 5, Bouncing Boy, and **Lightning Lass** (all last seen in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #72; all appear next in the Superman story in *Action Comics* #309)

Lightning Lad and **Superboy**

Phantom Girl (also appears in flashback which occurs sometime after Ultra Boy joined the Legion)

Invisible Kid and **Element Lad** (both appear next in the Superman story in *Action Comics* #309)

Sun Boy (last seen in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #72; also appears in flashback which occurs in between issue #314 and #315; appears next in the Superman story in *Action Comics* #309)

Ultra Boy (last seen in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #73; also appears in flashback which occurs sometime after he joined the Legion and in flashback which occurs in between issue #314 and #315; origin retold; poses as "Rann Varal" in this story)

Supporting Characters

Chief Wilson of the Science Police (last seen in issue #308; appears next in issue #319)

Proty II (last seen in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #72; appears next in issue #320)

Villains

The "Mystery Marauders" (first and only appearance to date; an unnamed alien race of space-pirates)

Other Characters

An unnamed biochemist and **his transformed victims** (first and only appearance to date; duplicate a Kryptonian criminal's experiment as shown in flashback in *Action Comics* #307)

Two Science Police clerks (first and only appearance to date)

Unnamed solar power plant workers (first and only appearance to date)

The giant inhabitants of an unnamed dimension (last seen in issue #313; appear in flashback only; no further appearances to date)

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (last seen in issue #313; appear next in issue #319)

Cameo Appearances

Proty (as a statue)

Olen Jor (criminal of planet Thar; on a slide)

An energy-beast and **two Science Police officers** (identified as Galactic Patrol officers; all in flashback to Ultra Boy's origin)

Comments

Matter-Eater Lad, Star Boy, Supergirl, and Triplicate Girl do not appear in this story.

Following this story, Bouncing Boy, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Lightning Lass, Saturn Girl, Sun Boy, and Triplicate Girl travel back to Superman's time for the "Superman Super-Spectacular" in *Action Comics* #309.

Synopsis

The Legionnaires discover that Ultra Boy is actually Rann Varal, an escaped criminal from the planet Rimbor. After he is expelled from the Legion, his former teammates hunt him throughout the galaxy.

Eventually, he joins forces with a group of space-pirates, and he and Phantom Girl, who believes he is innocent, lead them inside the Legion Clubhouse, where he subdues them with a freeze-ray. Then he finally explains to the Legion that he had deliberately framed himself so as to infiltrate the pirate band. Exonerated, he is reinstated in the group.

FEATURETTE

"The Origins and Powers of the Legion of Super-Heroes" (5 pages)

Comment

Not a story; this is a text feature listing the origins and powers of the Legionnaires, illustrated in part with Curt Swan/George Klein pages reprinted from *Superman Annual* #4.

Adventure Comics #317

February 1964

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

STORY

"The Menace of Dream Girl" (18 pages)
Part 2: **"The Doom of the Legion"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Edmond Hamilton**
Penciler, inker: **John Forte**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Lightning Lad, Brainiac 5, Shrinking Violet, Superboy, Mon-El, and **Matter-Eater Lad**

Saturn Girl (last seen in the Superman story in *Action Comics* #309; appears next in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #76)

Triplicate Girl, Chameleon Boy, Sun Boy, and **Bouncing Boy** (all last seen in the Superman story in *Action Comics* #309)

Phantom Girl (behind the scenes only)

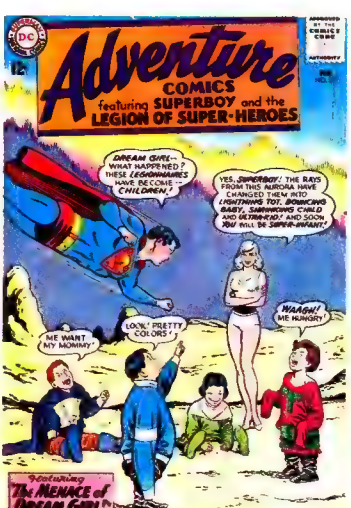
Invisible Kid, Colossal Boy, and **Element Lad** (all last seen in the Superman story in *Action Comics* #309; behind the scenes only)

Star Boy (last chronological appearance in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #306; origin retold and further details revealed; resumes active status in the Legion as of this story)

Ultra Boy (appears next in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #76)

Light Lass (last seen, as Lightning Lass, in the Superman story in *Action Comics* #309; changes her name from Lightning Lass and gains the new power to make anything super-lightweight, while losing her lightning powers, in this story)

Dream Girl (Nura Nal; real name revealed in issue #365; first appearance; last chronological appearance in flashback on page 20, panel 3 of *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #2; origin revealed; joins the Legion of Super-Heroes, but resigns, in this story; next chronological appearance in flashback on page 20, panel 6 of *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #2)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featuring SUPERBOY and the LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES
DREAM GIRL— WHAT HAPPENED? THESE LEGIONNAIRES HAVE BECOME CHILDREN!
YES, SUPERBOY! THE RAYS FROM THIS AURORA HAVE CHANGED THEM INTO LIGHTNING TOY, BOUNCING BABY, SHRINKING CHILD AND ULTIMATE! AND SOON YOU WILL BE SUPER-INFANT!
ME WANT MY MOMMY!
LOOK! PRETTY COLORS!
WAAGH! ME HUNGRY!
featuring The MENACE of DREAM GIRL!

Villains

The Time Trapper (last seen, as the Time Master, in *Wonder Woman* #101; first appearance as the Time Trapper; former identity as the Time Master revealed in a story outside formal DC continuity in *Super Friends* #17; behind the scenes only)

Three monster birds (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters

Rann Antar (first and only appearance to date; a rejected Legion applicant)

Two unnamed generator technicians and **an unnamed spaceport captain** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Inhabitants of an unnamed alien world (first and only appearance to date)

Android doubles of Shrinking Violet, Lightning Lad, Bouncing Boy, Triplicate Girl, Lightning Lass, Matter-Eater Lad, and **Ultra Boy** (first appearance of all; all destroyed in this story)

Cameo Appearances

Colossal Boy, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, and **Phantom Girl** (as faces on the Legion voting tally board)

Fryd and **Mira Kallor** (in flashback)

Comments

Supergirl does not appear in this story.

The cover logo changes with this issue.

Synopsis

Saturn Girl calls a meeting to discuss the Time Trapper and his Iron Curtain of Time, and to examine applicants for membership. The male members go wild over one gorgeous candidate, Dream Girl of Naltor, who has the ability to accurately predict future events. She successfully demonstrates this power, and is voted into the group by the boys over the girls' objections. Although she displays conscientiousness by studying the Legion's organization, particularly its Constitution, she also exhibits an insufferable conceit.

One by one, Lightning Lass (whose power is short-circuited when an electrical generator explodes), Triplicate Girl, Lightning Lad, Ultra Boy, Shrinking Violet, Bouncing Boy, and Matter-Eater Lad are expelled or suspended from the group after she tricks each into violating various clauses of the Legion Constitution. Star Boy is the only one to maintain complete faith in her, and she eventually admits to him that she foresaw the deaths of the expelled members in a rocket explosion, and joined the group to remove them and save their lives. He explains that she actually saw the "deaths" of lifeless android doubles, and so the members she tricked are reinstated.

Lightning Lass learns that Dream Girl has used Naltorian science to have the electrical explosion change her power to that of making things super-lightweight, since her original ability duplicated her brother's.

Dream Girl resigns to perfect her own ability further, leaving Star Boy, who loves her, hoping that she'll return someday.

REPRINTED STORY

"The Shrinking of Superboy"
(from *Superboy* #61)

Adventure Comics #318

March 1964

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

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featuring SUPERBOY and the LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES
FEATURING The MUTINY of the LEGIONNAIRES!
FOR PLOTTING AGAINST ME, I'M CASTING YOU LEGIONNAIRES ADRIFT WITH NO FOOD, NO RADIO, AND SCANT FUEL. YOU'LL NEVER REACH ANOTHER WORLD!
SUN BOY, YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS! SUPERBOY AND MON-EL WILL TRACK YOU DOWN. THEY'LL BRING YOU TO JUSTICE!
Extra! A "HALL OF FAME" SUPERBOY Classic!

STORY

"The Mutiny of the Legionnaires" (18 pages)
Part 2: **"The Castaway Legionnaires"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Edmond Hamilton**
Penciler, inker: **John Forte**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Lightning Lad, Star Boy, Superboy, Mon-El, and **Matter-Eater Lad**

Triplicate Girl, Sun Boy, and **Light Lass** (all appear next in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #76)

Villain

The Time Trapper (first physical appearance; mostly behind the scenes; appears next in issue #321)

Other Characters

The inhabitants of planet Xenn (first and only appearance to date)

An unnamed spaceport official of planet Toonar (first and only appearance to date)

An unnamed Earth doctor and **two unnamed government officials** (first and only appearance of all to date)

The robot crew of the space ark (first and only appearance to date)

A space-roc and **giant insects** (first and only appearance to date)

Comments

Brainiac 5, Bouncing Boy, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Phantom Girl, Saturn Girl, Shrinking Violet, Supergirl, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

Following this story, Sun Boy and Ultra Boy bring Jimmy Olsen to the 30th century so that Light Lass, Saturn Girl, and Triplicate Girl can play a trick on Lucy Lane in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #76.

Synopsis

As Sun Boy and Cosmic Boy return from a mission, they receive word from natives of the planet Xenn that their world is about to explode, and that they must be moved to another planet which has the rare element, xenon, in its atmosphere. Although Sun Boy has been on a series of cases without a break, he agrees to lead this mission, and oversees the outfitting of a great space ark, filled with provisions and manned by a robot crew. The Xennians are taken aboard and depart for a new world across space, just as their planet explodes.

As the journey progresses, Sun Boy becomes tyrannical towards the Legionnaires assisting him, Cosmic Boy, Lightning Lad, Light Lass, Star Boy, Matter-Eater Lad, and Triplicate Girl, and when he puts Cosmic Boy in chains, they decide to rise against him in mutiny. Assisted by the robots, he thwarts them, and casts the Legionnaires adrift in a small space-boat as punishment.

Trying to survive until they can reach a civilized planet, Toonar, the castaway Legionnaires hitchhike by various means from world to world until they achieve their goal. Then they borrow a space-cruiser, and search for Sun Boy's ark, finally finding it caught in a giant vortex. After rescuing the Xennians and settling them on their new xenon-bearing world, they take Sun Boy, whose mind has now blanked out completely, to a medical foundation on Earth for treatment. There they learn that he had been a victim of space-fatigue from his many missions without rest.

After he is cured, the Legion adds a clause to their Constitution prohibiting members from undertaking more than five successive missions.

REPRINTED STORY

"The Amazing Adventures of Krypto-Mouse"
(from *Superboy* #65)

Adventure Comics #319
April 1964

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Sheldon Moldoff** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

STORY

"The Legion's Suicide Squad" (18 pages)
Part 2: **"The Charge of the Substitute Heroes"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Edmond Hamilton**
Penciler, inker: **John Forte**
Letterers: **Milton Snapinn** (splash page and Part 2 only) and **unknown**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy (next chronological appearance in flashback in *Superboy* #125)

Saturn Girl, Triplicate Girl, Sun Boy, Ultra Boy, and **Light Lass** (all last seen in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #76)

Lightning Lad, Phantom Girl, Chameleon Boy, Invisible Kid, Colossal Boy, Brainiac 5, Star Boy, Shrinking Violet, Superboy, Mon-El, Matter-Eater Lad, and **Element Lad**

Bouncing Boy (last chronological appearance in flashback in issue #343)

Supporting Characters

Polar Boy, Night Girl, and **Fire Lad** (all last seen in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #72; all appear next in issue #322)

Stone Boy (last seen in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #72; appears next in issue #331)

Chlorophyll Kid (last seen in issue #315; teamed with the above four characters as the **Legion of Substitute Heroes;** appears next in issue #322)

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Chief Wilson of the Science Police (last seen in issue #316; appears next in issue #321)

The President of Earth (first appearance; appears next in flashback in issue #359)

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CHECKMATE, LEGIONNAIRES! WE KNOCKED OUT YOUR FIRST SQUAD... AND WE'VE JUST BEATEN YOUR SECOND SQUAD!
ONLY ONE CHANCE FOR US TO STORM THE CITADEL OF DOOM! IT'S UP TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR SUICIDE SQUAD!
featuring "The LEGION'S SUICIDE SQUAD!"

Villains

Two unnamed inhabitants of planet Throon (first and only appearance of both to date)

Other Characters

Dr. James Bannon (an archaeologist), **Mr. Tim Vare** (an interplanetary trader) and **an unnamed planetologist** (first and only appearance of all to date)

An unnamed Earth spaceport employee and **two spaceship crewmen** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Science Police officers (last seen in issue #310; all but two either behind the scenes or voice only; appear next in issue #328)

The inhabitants of an unnamed alien world (first and only appearance to date)

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (last seen in issue #316; appear next in issue #324)

Comments

Fire Lad is erroneously shown shooting fire from his hands in this story.

Supergirl does not appear in this story.

Synopsis

The mysterious jungle planetoid, Throon, is inhabited by beings who reside, unseen, inside a single colossal citadel. When ships passing by in space are disabled by rays projected from that world, followed by an announcement that its people will destroy all ships coming within 30 million miles of it, the Science Police Chief and the President of Earth call upon the Legion to destroy the ray-projectors, lest all space-traffic be stopped. Using a device called a planetary chance-machine, seven Legionnaires, Brainiac 5, Saturn Girl, Bouncing Boy, Superboy, Lightning Lad, Chameleon Boy, and Invisible Kid are chosen for the task.

Upon arriving on Throon, however, all are defeated by the terrible weaponry in the citadel. The Legion then selects five more members, Star Boy, Cosmic Boy, Ultra Boy, Triplicate Girl, and Matter-Eater Lad, to rescue their comrades. They also fall in defeat, and the remaining Legionnaires, Mon-El, Element Lad, Phantom Girl, Colossal Boy, Light Lass, Sun Boy, and Shrinking Violet go to Throon, only to meet the same fate as the others.

All of this has secretly been watched on monitors by the Legion of Substitute Heroes. They go to Throon themselves, and while Polar Boy, Chlorophyll Kid, Fire Lad, and Stone Boy launch a suicide attack on the citadel, Night Girl infiltrates the building. After searching through its many empty rooms and halls, she finally finds two old men, the last survivors of their race, who had wanted to protect themselves from possible conquest.

After destroying their weaponry but otherwise leaving them in peace, the two Legions, now fully recovered, return to Earth. The Substitute Heroes are given a triumphal welcoming parade in Metropolis for their daring rescue, with the Legionnaires themselves standing on the sidelines and cheering.

REPRINTED STORY

"Superboy's Best Friend"
(from *Superboy* #77)

Adventure Comics #320

May 1964

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

STORY

"The Revenge of the Knave from Krypton" (17 pages)
Part 2: **"The Treachery of Molock the Merciless"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Jerry Siegel**
Penciler: **John Forte**
Inkers: **Sheldon Moldoff** and **George Papp** (pages 4-9 only) and **Al Plastino** (Superboy and Clark Kent faces only)
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

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featuring SUPERBOY and the LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES
SUPERBOY, WE JUST CAUGHT THIS SUPER-SPY! BUT WHY IS HE LAUGHING AT YOU?
HA, HA! TELL HIM... IF YOU DARE!
JUST SEEING THAT FACE BRINGS BACK MEMORIES!... I'D RATHER... FORGET!
featuring "The REVENGE of the KNAVE from KRYPTON!"

Feature Characters

Saturn Girl, Brainiac 5, Sun Boy, and **Mon-El** (all appear next in flashback in *World's Finest Comics* #142)

Lightning Lad, Chameleon Boy, and **Superboy Element Lad** (appears next in flashback in *World's Finest Comics* #168)

Supporting Characters

Dev-Em (last seen, as a villain, in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #288; origin retold; revealed to have reformed and refuses Legion membership in this story; appears next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #294)

Proty II (last seen in issue #316; appears next in issue #322)

Villains

Molock the Merciless and **the Cosmic Spy League** (also called the **Cosmic Spy Legion;** first and only appearance of all to date)

Other Characters

Worshippers at the Palace of Peace and Good Will (first and only appearance to date)

Two unnamed students from Smallville High (first and only appearance to date)

Radiation Roy (first appearance; a rejected Legion applicant; appears next in issue #372)

Commander Kolar and **the Inter-Stellar Counter-Intelligence Corps** (first and only appearance of all to date)

An unnamed 30th century tour guide, a female tourist, and **two monorail passengers** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Cameo Appearances

Dev-Em's parents, Jor-El, Lara, baby Kal-El, Krypto, Dev-Em's accomplices, a group of scholars, a zookeeper, other inhabitants of Krypton, Jonathan and **Martha Kent,** and **the citizens of Smallville** (all in flashback to Dev-Em's origin)

Braino (hero of planet Mrynah; as a statue in the Palace of Peace and Good Will)

Two unnamed scientists (in flashback to Radiation Roy's origin)

Comments

Bouncing Boy, Colossal Boy, Cosmic Boy, Invisible Kid, Light Lass, Matter-Eater Lad, Phantom Girl, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Supergirl, Triplicate Girl, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

Following this story, the Legion makes statues of themselves to give to Superboy as seen in flashbacks in *World's Finest Comics* #142 and #168.

Synopsis

Superboy leaves Smallville for the Legion's time era, and arrives in time to see an applicant, Radiation Roy, fail his tryout.

When the Legionnaires enter the Clubhouse, a detection device indicates an intruder in the building. Superboy and Mon-El capture him, and he turns out to be Dev-Em, the incorrigible Kryptonian youth Superboy had battled in his own time. He relates Dev-Em's misdeeds, and the other Legionnaires are ready to turn him over to the Inter-Stellar Counter-Intelligence Corps for punishment, but Dev-Em laughs, and tells them that he has now reformed, and is working for that organization.

His current task is to capture the sinister Molock the Merciless, head of the Cosmic Spy League. He has become close with the villain's underlings, and has tried to steal Legion security secrets, without actually revealing them, to ingratiate himself with the leader. The I.S.C.I.C. commander now asks the more experienced Superboy to take over the mission, and he agrees.

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After disguising himself as Dev-Em, Superboy takes some fake Legion security gadgets with him, and travels to Molock's headquarters, where a beam teleports him to the master spy. Molock demands to know how Dev-Em made out with the Legion, and in response Superboy demonstrates the fake gadgets. Molock then opens a lead box, which he thinks contains Gold Kryptonite, intending to erase his spy's powers. When he orders his men to fire at Dev-Em and kill him, however, the disguise is blasted away to reveal Superboy, who then takes them all into custody.

Back with the Legion, Superboy learns that the real Dev-Em had known of the Gold Kryptonite, and had Proty II secretly tag along with him and transform himself into fake Gold Kryptonite, and replace the real thing. Proty then telepathically communicated with Superboy and told him of the scheme.

Before Superboy leaves for home, he and Mon-El ask Dev-Em to join the Legion, but he refuses, telling them his heart is with the I.S.C.I.C.

REPRINTED STORY

"Superboy's Switch in Time"
(from *Superboy* #53)

Adventure Comics #321

June 1964

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

STORY

"The Code of the Legion" (17 pages)
Part 2: **"The Weakest Legionnaire"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Edmond Hamilton**
Penciler: **John Forte**
Inkers: **Sheldon Moldoff** and **Al Plastino** (Superboy face on splash page only)
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Saturn Girl and **Mon-El** (last chronological appearance of both in flashback in *World's Finest Comics* #142)

Lightning Lad, Chameleon Boy, and **Superboy**

Triplicate Girl, Phantom Girl, and **Shrinking Violet** (all appear next in Superman's Girl Friend Lois Lane #50)

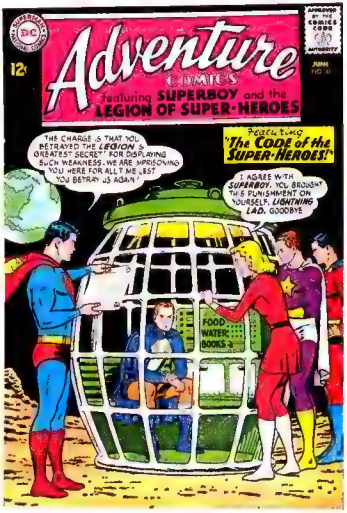
Invisible Kid, Colossal Boy, Star Boy, Ultra Boy, and **Matter-Eater Lad** (all also appear in flashbacks to untold Legion cases)

Brainiac 5 (last chronological appearance in flashback in *World's Finest Comics* #168)

Sun Boy (last chronological appearance in flashback in *World's Finest Comics* #142; also appears in flashback to an untold Legion case)

Bouncing Boy (last chronological appearance in flashback in issue #343; loses his power and joins the Legion Reserve in this story; appears next in issue #328)

Element Lad (last chronological appearance in flashback in *World's Finest Comics* #168; also appears in flashback to an untold Legion case)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Presenting "The CODE of the SUPER-HEROES!"
THE CHARGE IS THAT YOU BETRAYED THE LEGION'S GREATEST SECRET FOR DISPLAYING SUCH WEAKNESS. WE ARE PROSECUTING YOU HERE FOR ALL TIME, LEST YOU BETRAY US AGAIN!
I AGREE WITH SUPERBOY. YOU BROUGHT THIS PUNISHMENT ON YOURSELF, LIGHTNING LAD. GOODBYE
FOOD
WATER
BOOKS

Villain

The Time Trapper (last seen, behind the scenes, in issue #318; disguised as Commissioner Wilson of the Science Police in this story)

Other Characters

Commissioner Wilson of the Science Police (last seen in issue #319; appears next in issue #325)

Iresa (last name never revealed; first and only appearance to date; Bouncing Boy's girlfriend)

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Android doubles of Garn and **Englen** (friends of Mon-El; first and only appearance to date)

A mouth-creature and **inhabitants of two unnamed alien worlds** (first and only appearance of all to date; appear in flashback only)

Cameo Appearance

Cosmic Boy (as a face on the Legion Alarm Board)

Comments

Invisible Kid's hair and uniform are correctly and consistently colored brown as of this story.

Cosmic Boy, Light Lass, and Supergirl do not appear in this story.

Following this story, Phantom Girl, Shrinking Violet, and Triplicate Girl visit the 20th century and help Lois Lane in *Superman's Girl Friend Lois Lane* #50).

Synopsis

A general alarm goes out, summoning all Legionnaires to the Clubhouse. A slim, powerless Bouncing Boy appears, telling them that he lost his extra weight and his bouncing ability, when he accidentally bounced in front of a matter-shrinking projector. The others vote him into the Legion Reserve, and then begin discussing the dire menace of the Time Trapper and his impenetrable Iron Curtain of Time. Star Boy suggests that they use a top-secret weapon, the Concentrator, to destroy this Iron Curtain, but the mere mention of its name shocks the others.

Meanwhile, on two different worlds, Chameleon Boy and Triplicate Girl are captured by unseen foes, who demand to know the secret of the Concentrator. Both escape, and inform the gathered Legionnaires that someone else is aware of the weapon's existence. When Science Police Commissioner Wilson calls at the Clubhouse to ask if they have such a device, they admit it to him, but refuse to divulge its function. At his suggestion, they then accompany him to Althar, a barren planet, where they undergo tests, one by one, to ensure that none will reveal the secret under pressure.

When Lightning Lad supposedly cracks and reveals the Concentrator's secret to Wilson, his fellow members imprison him for this betrayal. After the Commissioner leaves, however, Lightning Lad tells them his suspicion that the Commissioner is someone else in disguise, and that he gave him a false secret to lead him astray. Superboy and Mon-El use their vision powers to confirm this: the Commissioner was actually the Time Trapper in disguise.

Discovering Lightning Lad's ruse, the Time Trapper causes black, dead suns to hurtle toward Althar and the heroes. The Legionnaires then use the Concentrator secret to build a machine which concentrates all the power in the universe, for the briefest moment, to blast the dark suns out of existence.

The Time Trapper escapes behind his Iron Curtain, and the Legion, returning to Earth, vows to track him down and bring him to justice.

REPRINTED STORY

"Clark Kent, Cub Reporter"
(from *Superboy* #63)

Adventure Comics #322

July 1964

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

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JULY
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featuring "The INITIATION of PROTY II!"
PROTY II... FOR THE FIRST TEST TO GET INTO OUR LEGION, YOU MUST IMPERSONATE SUPERBOY AND PERFORM SUPER-DEEDS!
SUPER-HORSE
STREAKY
KRYPTO
SUPER-MONKEY
LEGION OF SUPER-PETS
I CAN CHANGE MYSELF TO SUPERBOY... BUT WITHOUT SUPER-POWERS HOW CAN I DUPLICATE HIS FEATS?!

STORY

"The Super-Tests of the Super-Pets" (17 pages)
Part 2: **"The Pet of a Thousand Faces"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Edmond Hamilton**
Penciler: **John Forte**
Inkers: **Sheldon Moldoff** and **Al Plastino** (Superboy faces only)
Letterers: **Milton Snapinn** (Part 1 only) and **Joe Letterese** (balloons on splash page of Part 2 only) and **Vivian Berg?**

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Feature Characters

Saturn Girl, Lightning Lad, Chameleon Boy, Brainiac 5, Superboy, Sun Boy, Mon-El, and **Light Lass**

Phantom Girl (last seen in *Superman's Girl Friend Lois Lane* #50)

Supporting Characters

Polar Boy, Night Girl, Fire Lad, and **Chlorophyll Kid** (all last seen in issue #319; teamed as the **Legion of Substitute Heroes;** all appear next in issue #331)

Beppo (last seen in the Superman story in *Action Comics* #309; appears next in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #318)

Comet (last seen in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #312; appears next in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #318)

Krypto and **Streaky** (both last seen in the Superman story in *Action Comics* #309; teamed with Beppo and Comet as **the Legion of Super-Pets;** both appear next in *Superman* #176)

Proty II (last seen in issue #320; joins the Legion of Super-Pets in this story)

Villain

The Time Trapper (no appearance; behind the scenes only; appears next in issue #338)

Other Characters

The inhabitants of an unnamed planet of the star Antares (first appearance; Proty II's race; appear in flashback only; appear next in *Adventure Comics* #334)

The Llorn (first and only appearance to date; a super-scientific race; appear in flashback only)

Dr. Karnes (an archaeologist), **a spaceport captain,** and **the inhabitants of planet Vor** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Cameo Appearances

Supergirl, a giant cyclops monster and **a child** (all in flashback)

Comments

The Legion of Super-Pets was last seen in the Superman story in *Action Comics* #309 and appears next in *Superman* #176.

Colossal Boy, Cosmic Boy, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Matter-Eater Lad, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Supergirl, Triplicate Girl, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

The Legion, assisted by the Substitute Heroes, leaves Earth to try to penetrate the Time Trapper's Iron Curtain of Time, and summons the Legion of Super-Pets to guard the Clubhouse while they're away. Chameleon Boy's pet, Proty II, wants to join the Super-Pets, and although they scoff at his usefullness, they offer to take him in if he passes each of their initiation tests.

Comet tells Proty to change himself into Superboy, and carry out the next mission assigned to the Boy of Steel, which he does. Streaky then orders Proty to impersonate a Legionnaire, and accompany Saturn Girl on a mission without letting her discover his real identity. Changing himself into a duplicate of his master, Chameleon Boy, Proty easily pases this test, as well. Beppo assigns Proty to keep the Legionnaires out of their Clubhouse for an hour, which he does by decoying them with a ruse. Finally, Krypto orders Proty to hunt and track him down on Earth within two hours. In fulfilling this task, Proty rescues Krypto from some Green Kryptonite which he had accidentally stumbled upon.

By successfully completing all four tests, Proty II becomes the fifth member of the Legion of Super-Pets.

REPRINTED STORY

"Clark Kent, Class Cheat"
(from *Superboy* #66)

Adventure Comics #323

August 1964

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

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ELEMENT LAD, DON'T LET THE COSMIC EYE DESTROY YOU! USE YOUR POWER TO CHANGE THAT DEADLY URANIUM INTO SOME HARMLESS METAL, OR YOU'LL DIE WITHIN MINUTES!
NO, SUPERBOY! I WON'T DISGRACE THE LEGION BY BEING THE ONLY MEMBER TO FAIL IN HIS ASSIGNMENT!
Featuring
"The EIGHT IMPOSSIBLE MISSIONS!"

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STORY

"The Eight Impossible Missions" (16 pages)
Part 2: **"The Amazing Winner of the Great Proty Puzzle"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Jerry Siegel**
Penciler: **John Forte**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy and **Lightning Lad** (last chronological appearance of both in the Superboy story in issue #247; both appear in flashback only; next chronological appearance of both in the Superboy story in issue #267)

Saturn Girl (also appears in flashback which occurs in between the Superboy story in issue #247 and the Superboy story in issue #267)

Triplicate Girl (last chronological appearance, behind the scenes, in the Superboy story in issue #247; appears in flashback only; next chronological appearance in flashback in issue #301)

Phantom Girl, Superboy, Sun Boy, Ultra Boy, and **Element Lad**

Chameleon Boy (also appears in flashback which occurs in between the Superboy story in issue #247 and his appearance in *Superman* #152)

Invisible Kid (last chronological appearance, behind the scenes, in the Superboy story in issue #247; appears in flashback only; next chronological appearance in *Superman* #156)

Colossal Boy (last chronological appearance, behind the scenes, in the Superboy story in issue #247; appears in flashback only; next chronological appearance in issue #301)

Brainiac 5 (also appears in flashback which occurs in between the Superboy story in issue #247 and the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #285)

Supporting Characters

Proty II (appears next in issue #325)

Villains

The Mighty Gazor (name is probably properly rendered Ga-Zor; first and only appearance to date; the last inhabitant of the Phantom Zone)

A gang of unnamed invisible criminals (first and only appearance to date)

Guest Appearances

Jimmy Olsen (last seen in *Superman* #171; appears next in *World's Finest Comics* #143)

Pete Ross (last seen in the Superboy story in issue #315; appears next in *Superboy* #131)

Other Characters

Spider Girl (first appearance; a rejected Legion applicant; suggested by reader Jim Tilley in the letters column in issue #310; appears next in issue #372)

Double-Header (first appearance; a rejected Legion applicant; appears next in *DC Comics Presents* #59)

The globe-brain of Garf-Og (first and only appearance to date; appears in flashback only)

Contestants, announcers, and **kangobroncs at the Interplanetary Rodeo on planet Rorbis** (first and only appearance to date; **Gooba of Aktar**, a contestant, named in this story)

Cameo Appearances

Jor-El and **the citizens of 30th century Metropolis** (in flashbacks)

Lucy Lane (as a mental image)

Light Lass, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, and **Shrinking Violet** (as puppets)

Comments

Light Lass, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, and Supergirl do not appear in this story.

Saturn Girl is re-elected Legion leader in this story.

Synopsis

After rejecting two applicants, Spider Girl and Double-Header, Saturn Girl announces that it's time to elect a new leader. The Legionnaires debate over the best method of doing this, and decide to follow Proty II's suggestion of electing the member who succeeds in solving a puzzle he has devised.

Transforming himself into a Bizarro-Proty, and engraving his name backwards on a medallion as part of the puzzle, Proty reveals his plan to have various Legionnaires and honorary members perform various tasks, each one containing a clue to the puzzle's solution. In order, Saturn Girl, Ultra Boy, Phantom Girl, Element Lad, Pete Ross, Brainiac 5, and Jimmy Olsen (as Elastic Lad) fulfill the duties Proty assigns them.

At the conclusion, Saturn Girl realizes what Proty has in mind, and has each involved Legionnaire write the first letter of his codename on a card, and the honorary members write the first letters of their last names. Then she has them stand in line in the order they performed their tasks, with Proty and his medallion bringing up the rear. The cards and medallion spell out "Superboy", and Saturn Girl further explains that Proty devised this puzzle to celebrate the anniversary of the induction of the Boy of Steel into the Legion.

By solving the puzzle, Saturn Girl remains the Legion's leader for a second term.

REPRINTED STORY

"How Krypto Made History"
(from *Superboy* #75)

A Brief Explanation of the DC Comics Index

This is the sixth in an ongoing series of comprehensive indexes to all of the DC Comics to appear since the company began publishing in 1935. In this series, we intend to examine every issue of every DC comic book and to provide you with a color reproduction of the comic's cover, a complete listing of the creative people involved in producing the comic, a complete listing of all of the characters who appear in each story, a summary of what happened in each adventure, and various other information.

It is our goal that every DC comic title will get a series of *The DC Comics Index* devoted solely to it. Heroes who have headlined in more than one title—notably, Superman and Batman—will have a separate series of the *Index* devoted to each title. In the case of some (but not all) features which have migrated from one title to another—such as *Legion of Super-Heroes*, which appeared in *Adventure Comics*, *Action Comics*, and *Superboy* before being awarded a comic bearing the name of the feature—we will bring together all appearances of the feature in one index series. Maxi-Series, Mini-Series, and features with short life spans will be indexed in related groups.

All comics indexed in a series will run in serial order, beginning with the first issue or the earliest issue that features the series being indexed. For instance, *The Official Superman Index* will begin with *Superman* #1, while *The Official Teen Titans Index* will begin with *The Brave and the Bold* #54, the first comic to feature the group of heroes who would become the Teen Titans. Non-DC Universe stories that appear in DC Comics are not fully indexed or synopsized. Each of the index entries is as self-explanatory as possible. Some of the criteria we used to create an index entry are provided below.

Cover Credits

It usually takes many people to produce a comic book cover, from conception and design through coloring and production, and it is impossible to credit them all. The Artist, responsible for the basic execution of the cover, does the lion's share of the work. If more than one artist works on a cover, some usually pencil and the others usually ink. The artist sometimes works from someone else's layout or design, and sometimes someone else touches up or redraws parts of the picture. Design work, layouts, touch-ups, and other ancillary work are not usually credited in the Cover Credits.

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Records of artists and letterers are sometimes unavailable, particularly for covers that appeared many years ago, so the identities of some cover artists and letterers are the best guesses that the indexers and DC's current editors and art staff can make. Credits other than Artist or Artists and Letterer appear where known.

Story Information

Story titles are given as they appear on the title pages, not as on the covers or in coming attractions. When a story lacks a title or title page (a rare occurrence), a note to this effect appears as a Comment.

Story credits are taken from the credits as published. As with cover credits, it is impossible to credit everybody who worked on a story, but whenever additional information is available, it appears in the *Index*. If the published credits in a story are incorrect, the *Index* corrects them wherever possible.

Characters

All major characters, and most minor ones, are classified into seven categories, although all seven may not be needed to fully index a story. Bystanders, random police officers, random gangsters, background characters, and so forth, are not usually listed unless they appear elsewhere in more prominent roles.

The seven character categories are: Feature Characters, characters to whom the title of the feature refers; Guest Stars, characters from other comics who have a major role in the story; Supporting Characters, characters who appear frequently in stories with the feature character(s); Villains, the antagonists of the feature character(s); Guest Appearances, characters from other comics who have a minor role in the story; Other Characters, characters who do not fall into any of the five previous categories; and Cameo Appearances, characters who do not actually appear in a story but whose images are seen, for example, in photographs, flashbacks, or reminiscences.

The Feature Character is listed only when not obvious from the title of the comic. For example, Superman is always the only feature character in his own comic, but the lineup of the Justice League of America changes occasionally, which requires a Feature Character listing for each indexed issue of *Justice League of America*. Guest Stars are usually major characters who have their own comics, but any character can be a Guest Star. The only qualifications are that the character not usually appear in the comic and that he or she take a major role in the story that is not antagonistic to the feature character(s). A Guest Appearance may be very brief; even a one-panel appearance or an off-panel appearance (for example, in a telephone conversation) counts, as long as the character is physically present.

"Behind the scenes" describes characters who don't appear in a story but whose influence is felt, as, for example, when a Villain works through agents.

There are two different kinds of flashbacks: (1) flashbacks to stories previously told (all of the characters appearing in the flashbabck are listed under Cameo Appearances unless they make physical appearances elsewhere in the story) and (2) flashbacks to events previously untold (appearances of all the characters in the flashback are treated as physical appearances; many origins are told in such flashbacks, for example). Parenthetical notes to characters' names in the listings explain these special appearances.

Chronology

A time line for all of DC's comics that allows proper chronological ordering of the appearances of every DC character is far from complete. Nevertheless, some appearances are known to precede or follow others. Whenever chronological information is known reliably but is not obvious from the continuity of the stories, it is noted in parentheses. "First appearance" accompanies a character's listing when the comic is the earliest one in which the character appears. A first appearance is not necessarily a character's chronologically earliest appearance, which might occur, for example, in an origin flashback first told many years later. As a general rule, in the case of feature characters who are members of a team but who also appear in their own features or comics, issue-by-issue chronological notations for these characters are made in the indexes to their own features, not in the index to the team feature. For instance, Superman's chronology is noted in *The Official Superman Index*, not in the *The Official Justice League of America Index*.

A casual reading of a few Plot Synopses will make it abundantly clear that a whole month does not usually pass for the characters in between monthly issues of a comic. Many issues begin hours or even minutes after the previous month's story. Consequently, a character who has had his own feature for ten years will not have aged ten years in the time it took for those comics to come out. As for trying to determine in what year a given adventure takes place, there's no conclusive answer. Specific dates that appear in stories, as well as mention of current events and popular culture, depictions of contemporary fashions, and usage of contemporary slang, are all what is know as Topical References. These are specific details added by a writer or artist to a story to make it seem current at the time the story is being published. They are not necessarily indicators of when—what year or even what decade—a story took place.

A Personal Note

As should be obvious to anyone owning both this work and *The Official Marvel Comics Index*, the format and design of this book (not to mention the wording of this introduction) owe a great debt to my good friend, George Olshevsky, author of the Marvel Index series, with whose permission I have appropriated both his layout and his succint prose.

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